

6950.1070 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

Subpart 1. **General requirements.** The general requirements for personal protective equipment are as described in this subpart.

A. A regulated person must wear appropriate personal protective equipment in situations where it is reasonably anticipated that the person may have skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with potentially infectious materials at a clinical practice location.

B. Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn in situations where potentially infectious materials may be splashed, sprayed, spattered, or otherwise generated.

C. Contaminated disposable personal protective equipment must not be used in the care of more than one patient.

D. Personal protective equipment must be replaced as necessary to protect oneself and patients from transmission of HBV or HIV.

E. Personal protective equipment must be discarded after its ability to function as a barrier is compromised.

F. After contaminated personal protective equipment is removed, it must be stored so as not to pose undue risk of an exposure incident.

Subp. 2. **Gloves.** A regulated person:

A. must wear gloves when:

(1) it can be reasonably anticipated that contact with potentially infectious materials, mucous membranes, or nonintact skin may occur;

(2) vascular access procedures are performed; or

(3) contaminated items or surfaces are handled or touched;

B. must wear sterile gloves in preparation for and during surgery requiring sterile technique;

C. must replace gloves before caring for a subsequent patient;

D. must discard gloves which have become worn or punctured, or after their ability to function as a barrier is otherwise compromised;

E. must not use disposable examination gloves on more than one patient; and

F. must discard reusable utility gloves used for decontamination procedures or housekeeping tasks if the gloves are cracked, peeling, torn, punctured, exhibit other signs of deterioration, or if their ability to function as a barrier is otherwise compromised.

Subp. 3. **Masks, face shields, and eye protection equipment.** A regulated person:

A. must wear either:

(1) a mask and eye protection equipment; or

(2) a chin-length plastic face shield in situations where it is reasonably anticipated that potentially infectious materials may be splashed, spattered, or otherwise generated;

B. must replace a disposable mask before caring for a subsequent patient if the mask becomes contaminated; and

C. must decontaminate a reusable mask, face shield, safety glasses, or eye protection equipment before caring for a subsequent patient if the item becomes contaminated.

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